MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know from the member whether it is not the opinion of the Government that such an organisation is absolutely necessary to give tone to the movement?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): If the member is of that opinion that matter would be considered.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know from the member whether Government would be prepared to contribute some amount at least, to divert some amount from the amount allotted for the official agency?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I am not able to say that now. That matter will be considered.

Reorganisation of the Co-operative Department in 1106.

26. **MR. JOSEPH KUNJU** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is in accordance with seniority that increase of pay has been given to three Inspectors and the Head Clerk of the Registrar's Office under the reorganisation sanctioned for the Co-operative Department in 1106; and

(*b*) if not, the principle on which increase of pay was given?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Promotion to the first grade was given to the three senior Inspectors. The Inspector who had seniority and capacity for the work was selected as Head Clerk without prejudice to the seniority of those above him.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

Abolition of tolls.

27. **MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to abolish tolls on vehicles in the State, and, if so, when?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

(Mr. Krishnan Nayar, member for Pattanamtitta, presented a notice in respect of a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House to the Deputy President.)

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. Krishnan Nayar has put into my hands an application for leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the Council to consider a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the treatment meted out by the authorities to Messrs. Sankara Pillai and Mathunni who have been convicted of sedition and who are now undergoing imprisonment in the Central Jail.

I presume that the conviction is under sentence of a duly constituted criminal court in the land. I understand further that the conviction was upheld, in appeal, by the High Court. The only outstanding

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